

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15-17 were objected to because of a list of informalities. By this Amendment, each of the informalities has been corrected by the adoption of the Examiner's suggested revisions. Claim 15 has been canceled to avoid the issue of duplicate claims.


In response to the rejection of claims 8, 12, 13, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, the claims have been amended to avoid the issue of a lack of an antecedent basis. Claim 16 has been canceled and the objection to this claim has been rendered moot. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 17 was indicated to be allowable and for this reason, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 16 and 17 so that amended claim 1 is canceled claim 17 in independent form. It is believed that the claims that are dependent on allowable, amended claim 1 are also allowable. For these reasons, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

The non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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